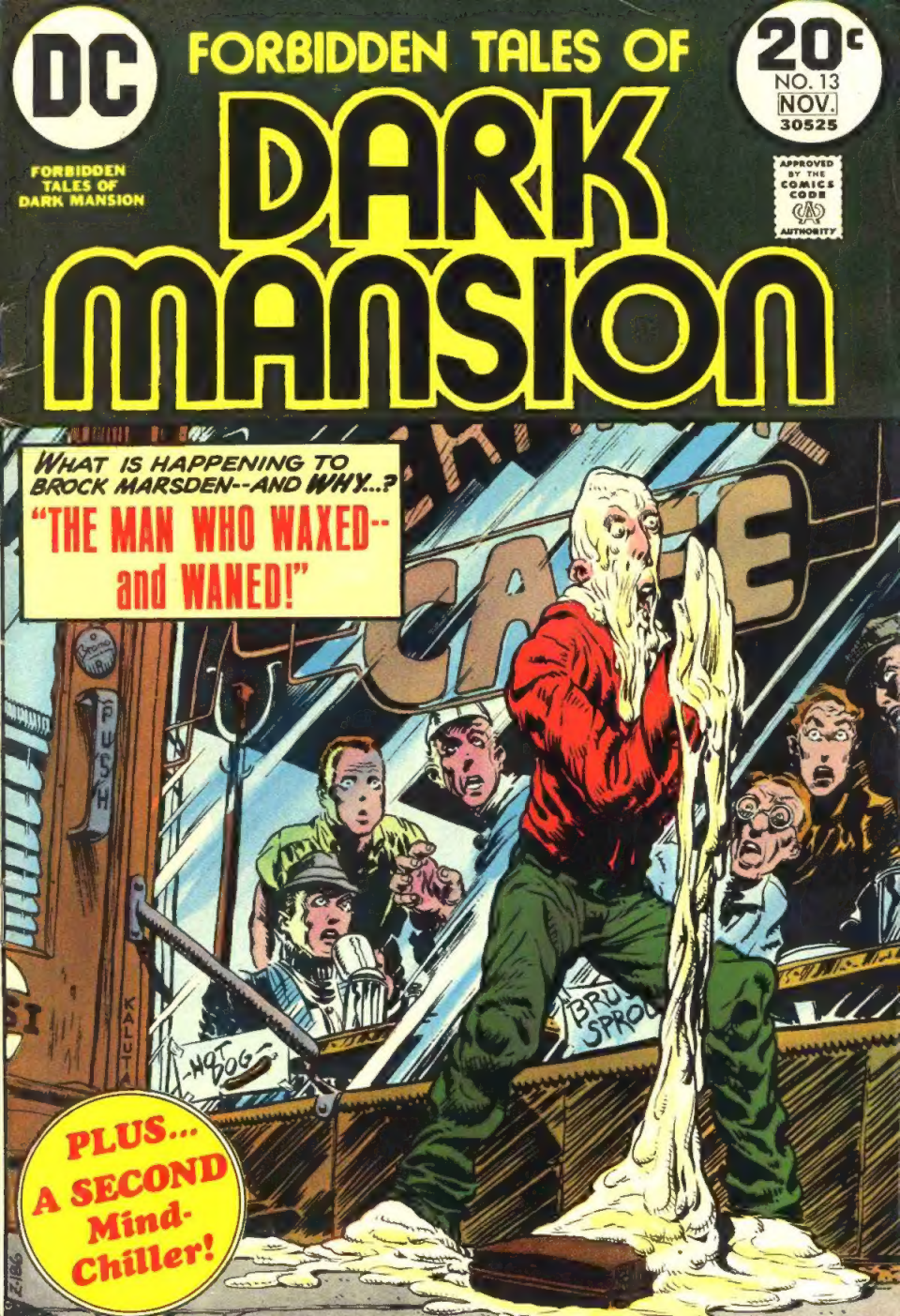
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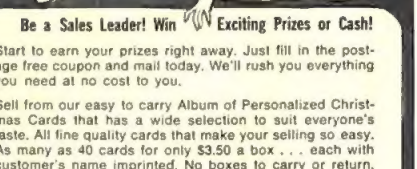

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THE MAN WHO WAXED--AND WANED!
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HE HAS A HORRID, PASTY-LOOKING FACE, DOESN'T HE, SELINA? WATCH ME USE THE PICK TO MAKE HIM DIE--SLOWLY!
A-AT FIRST I THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST A SCREWY OLD LADY--BUT NOW I KNOW BETTER! WHEN SHE STABS THAT DOLL WITH THAT ICE PICK, A REAL MAN WILL DIE!
WAX
BULK
WAX
MEOWRRRR!
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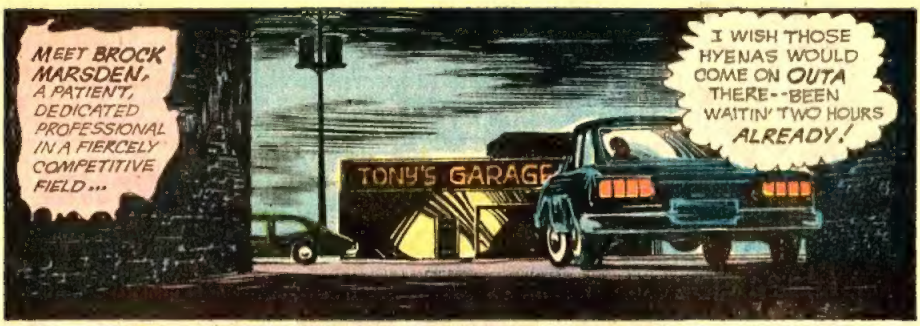
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TONY'S GARAGE
I WISH THOSE HYENAS WOULD COME ON OUTA THERE--BEEN WAITIN' TWO HOURS ALREADY!

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BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM
UNNHH--! MY SHOULDER!
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MARSDEN DRIVES FOR HOURS THAT NIGHT, IGNORING THE PAIN IN HIS SHOULDER, THINKING ONLY OF... ESCAPE! FINALLY, ON A DESOLATE COUNTRY ROAD...
FEELING WEAK! BLOOD ALL OVER THE PLACE!
GOTTA... STOP THE CAR! FEEL LIKE I'M... GONNA PASS...
POW
...OUT...!
IT IS MANY HOURS BEFORE MARSDEN AWAKES, AND WHEN HE DOES...
WHAT THE--!? WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
WH-WHO ARE YOU--?
SHHH, SONNY! AFTER ALL YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH, YOU NEED TO GET SOME REST!

IT WASN'T EASY CARRYING YOU HERE... AN OLD LADY LIKE ME.! BUT I DIDN'T MIND.! HEE HEE.!
HERE, DRINK SOME OF THIS BROTH.! WE WANT TO MAKE YOU WELL AGAIN, DON'T WE? HEE HEE HEE.!
YEAH, SURE.! THANKS.!
THAT'S MY BOY.! WHY, YOU'RE LOOKING BETTER ALREADY.!
LOOKS LIKE I LUCKED OUT.! THIS PLACE'LL MAKE A PERFECT HIDEOUT TILL I'M WELL ENOUGH TO TRAVEL.! BUT DOES SHE HAVTA KEEP CACKLIN' LIKE SOMETHIN' OUTA SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS?
OOOO
DAYS PASS, AND BROCK MARSDEN GROWS STRONGER...
EVERY DAY I'M FEELIN' BETTER.! AND ANGELO'S GUNSELS'LL NEVER FIND ME WAY OUT HERE IN THE BOONIES.!
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THAT OLD LADY'S A CONTENDER FOR THE LOONY OF THE YEAR AWARD.! BUT SHE'S HARMLESS AND SHE DON'T ASK NO EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS.!
SHE SPENDS HALF THE TIME IN THE BASEMENT-- PROBABLY MAKIN' PRESERVES OR SOMETHIN'.!
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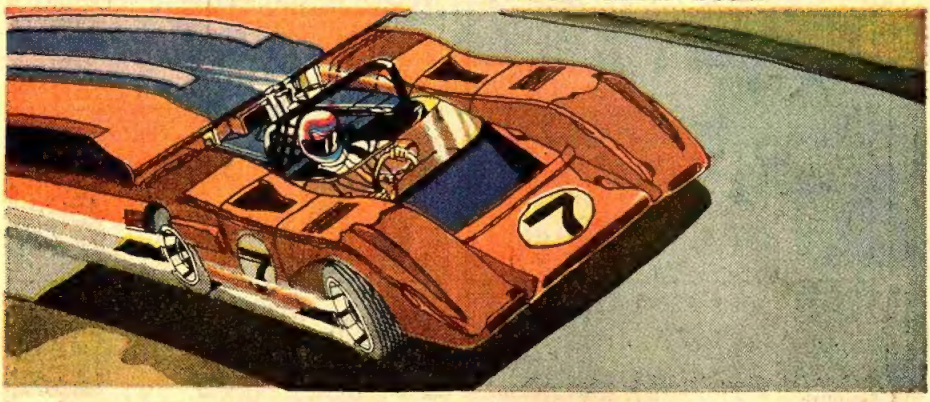

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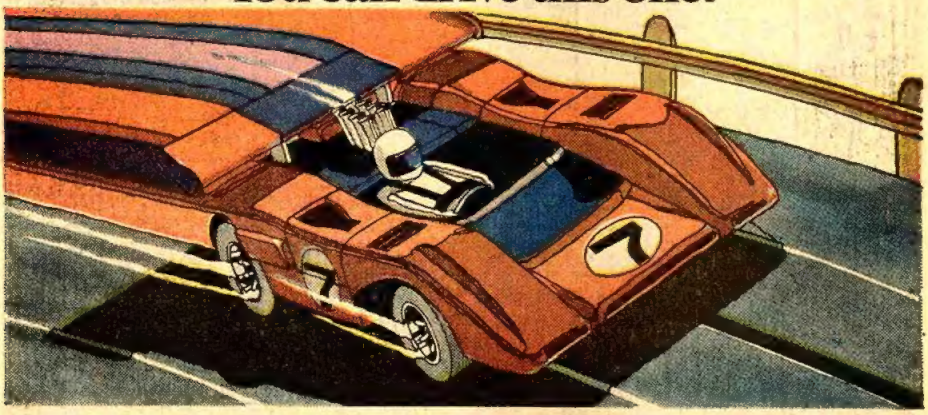

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WELL, WHO ARE YOU GOING TO PICK FOR ME THIS TIME, SELINA GIRL? HMMM?
OH, YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT JONES, THE BANKER, ARE YOU? I NEVER DID LIKE BANKERS!
ALL RIGHT, SELINA! IF YOU WANT HIM, YOU SHALL HAVE HIM!
MEOWRRRRR!
HERE YOU ARE, MY PET! LET ME SEE YOU USE THOSE CLAWS OF YOURS, HMMM?
MEOWRRRR!
OH, DON'T MAKE HIM SUFFER TOO MUCH, SELINA! KILL HIM SWIFTLY! HEE HEE HEE!
HISSSSS..

THE NEXT MORNING...
HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY, SONNY? BETTER THAN EVER? HMMMM?
YEAH! BETTER'N EVER! SHOULDN'T BE TOO LONG BEFORE I'M READY TO TRAVEL!
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WHA-!? WHAT KINDA WEIRD THING IS THIS?
THAT NIGHT, IT IS AN UNEASY BROCK MARSDEN WHO PREPARES FOR BED...
THIS PLACE MAY BE A GOOD HIDEOUT, BUT I AIN'T GONNA BE SORRY TO SAY GOODBYE TO IT!
I AIN'T NO EXPERT ON OLD LADIES, BUT I'VE MET ENOUGH OF 'EM TO KNOW THIS ONE'S A CERTIFIED WHACKO!
NOT A VERY NICE THING TO THINK ABOUT SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN SO KIND TO YOU, IS IT, BROCK? DO YOU REALLY THINK SHE'S... CRAZY?
THWANK!
OH, SELINA, I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO FIGURE YOU OUT! WHATEVER MADE YOU PICK THAT FAT, RICH LADY, HMMM?
PURRRRRR
WEALTHY SOCIALITE GIVES LAVISH BALL
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AND THE FOLLOWING DAY...
...REPORTED FINDING THE HEADLESS BODY OF MRS. CARL VANDENHAVEN, WEALTHY SOCIALITE AND LATEST VICTIM IN THE RECENT STRING OF BIZARRE, APPARENTLY MOTIVELESS, MURDERS!
ALTHOUGH THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DEATH OF MRS. VANDENHAVEN AND THAT OF BANKER HERBERT JONES...
CLICK
OF ALL THE WEIRD--!
IT'S BREAKFAST TIME, SONNY!
PRESENTLY...
I'LL BE GOING INTO TOWN TO DO SOME SHOPPING, BUT YOU WON'T BE ALONE! NO, INDEED! I'M LEAVING SELINA HERE TO KEEP YOU COMPANY! WON'T THAT BE NICE? HMMM?
YEAH, SURE! TERRIFIC!
SOON...
THERE SHE GOES--NUMBER ONE ON MY PERSONAL CREEP PARADE!
BRRRR! I COULD SURE USE A STIFF DRINK!
BUT...
THE OLD BROAD'S EVEN NUTTIER THAN I THOUGHT--NOT A DROP OF BOOZE IN THE WHOLE JOINT!

MAYBE SHE KEEPS A NIP OF SOMETHIN' DOWN IN THE BASEMENT.' CAN'T HURT TO LOOK.!
THE WAY THE OLD LADY PRACTICALLY LIVES DOWN HERE, YOU'D THINK THAT--
WELL WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE-- THE HORRORS OF THE WAX MUSEUM?
WHY ON EARTH WOULD SHE MAKE A DOLL LIKE THIS THEN CUT ITS HEAD OFF? MAYBE IT JUST FELL OFF THE TABLE OR--
WAIT A MINUTE--! THIS DOLL... THIS CLIPPING! IT'S THE RICH BROAD THEY FOUND WITH HER HEAD CUT OFF... THE ONE I JUST HEARD ABOUT ON THE RADIO!
WEALT SOCIAL GIVES LAVISH BALL
AND THIS DOLL LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN THROUGH A MEAT-GRINDER! THE CAT MUST'VE--
HOLY TOLEDO!
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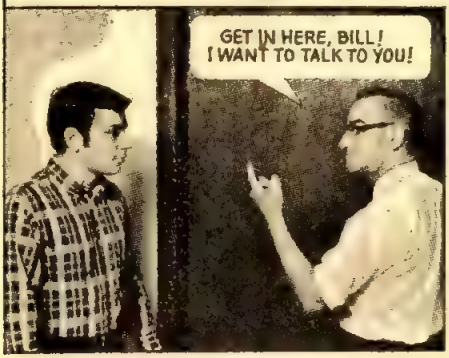

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BUT WHAT IF IT'S TRUE? I'VE GOTTA FIND OUT! I'VE GOTTA!
LATER...
YOO HOO! SONNY! I'M HOME!
HE MUST BE IN HIS ROOM! ANYWAY, IT'S TIME I VISITED MY LITTLE FRIENDS IN THE BASEMENT! THEY GET SO LONELY WITHOUT ME!
THEN...
YOU CERTAINLY ARE A WICKED ONE, SELINA! I WAS GOING TO SAVE THIS ONE FOR LAST--HE LOOKS SO DISTINGUISHED!
--BUT IF YOU INSIST, WE'LL KILL HIM--NOW!
AAAHHHH--!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN HERE? NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN MY WORKSHOP! NO ONE!
WELL, I'M HERE, GOOD-LOOKIN! AND I WANT SOME ANSWERS!
THOSE WEIRD MURDERS--THEY'RE YOUR DOING, AREN'T THEY?
NO! NO! IT'S JUST AN INNOCENT GAME, AN OLD LADY'S GAME! LET ME GO!

LOOK, YOU OLD BAT! THERE'RE SOME GUYS AFTER ME—WITH GUNS! IF THEY FIND ME, THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME!
I WON'T SQUEAL ON YOU, BUT YOU GOTTA SHOW ME HOW YOU USED THE DOLLS TO DO THEM KILLIN'S!
SO YOU WANT TO LEARN MY SECRET, DO YOU?
WELL THAT'S JUST TOO BAD! IT'S MY SECRET! A MAGIC SECRET! AND I'LL NEVER TELL IT TO YOU! NEVER!
NEVER'S A LONG TIME, YOU CRAZY, PUTRID OLD GAWKER--!
N-NO! G-GET AWAY FROM ME! G-GET--
EEEAAAA--
SHUT UP!
ARRRGHHHHHH
--BUT IN THE MEANTIME, I'M GETTIN' OUTA HERE! THIS PLACE'S BEEN GIVIN' ME THE CREEPY-CRAWLIES FROM THE MINUTE I LAID EYES ON IT!

AND SO...
IT'S TOO SOON TO GO BACK TO THE CITY! ANGELO'S BOYS'LL STILL BE OUT LOOKIN' FOR ME! I'D BETTER HEAD FOR THE AIRPORT--GET OUTA THE COUNTRY!
WITHIN AN HOUR, AT A NEARBY AIRPORT...
MAYBE I'LL GO TO MEXICO FOR AWHILE! I DON'T CARE WHERE I GO, LONG AS IT'S FAR!
REMEMBERIN' THAT LOONY OLD LADY STILL GIVES ME THE WILLIES!
LOONY OLD LADY? IT'S A LITTLE SILLY TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH HER NOW, ISN'T IT, BROCK MARSDEN? AFTER ALL, SHE'S DEAD... ISN'T SHE?
YOU KILLED HER AND THREW HER INTO THE BOILING WAX... DIDN'T YOU?
OF COURSE IT'S YOUR SHOULDER WOUND, BROCK MARSDEN! WHY ELSE WOULD YOU PERSPIRE SO FREELY? AFTER ALL, YOU'RE MUCH TOO FAR AWAY FROM THE OLD LADY'S HOUSE TO FEEL THE HEAT FROM THE...
THIS IS TAKING FOREVER! CAN'T THOSE TICKET CLERKS MOVE ANY FASTER?
A-AND WHY AM I STARTING TO SWEAT... F-FEEL SICK...? COULD IT BE MY SHOULDER WOUND... ACTIN' UP AGAIN?
FIRE! LOOK! THE WHOLE PLACE'S IN FLAMES!
LET'S CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT! AN OLD LADY LIVES THERE ALL ALONE! SHE MAY STILL BE IN THERE!

IN THERE? OF COURSE SHE'S IN THERE! BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE OLD LADY-- THE FIRE WON'T DO HER ANY HARM. SHE'S DEAD... REMEMBER?
IF YOU MUST WORRY, WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF, BROCK! AFTER ALL, YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
GIMME A TICKET... ONE WAY... TO ACAPULCO! AND STEP ON IT!
WHY AM I... SWEATING LIKE... THIS? A-AND WH-WHY IS IT... GETTING SO HARD... TO... BREATHE...? WHY?
COME, NOW, BROCK MARSDEN--LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE! BE HAPPY YOU'RE NOT TRAPPED IN THAT AWFUL FIRE! BE GLAD YOU ESCAPED... IN TIME! THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF YOU IN THAT HOUSE EXCEPT THE DOLL OF YOU YOUR VICTIM MADE!
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING... TO... ME...? I FEEL... LIKE I'M BURNING... UP... C-CAN'T... BREATHE...! SWEAT... DRIPPING ...OFF ME!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT MAN, MOMMY?
WHY, I DON'T KNOW, DEAR!
WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY, BROCK MARSDEN? YOU'RE BURNING UP, YOU SAY? YOU CAN'T BREATHE? AND WHAT DID YOU SAY THE SWEAT WAS DOING? DRIPPING...?
MOMMY, LOOK!
AAAHHHH!
MY LORD!
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Come on, now. Let's crawl into the Dark Mansion mail casket . . . er, *box* and put our talons on these words—

Dear Editor,

Without a doubt, Fred Alcala is your best artist, and it's stories like his "A Demon At The Door" that set *Dark Mansion* above all the other mystery mags on the stands. "Bum Wrap" and "Generation Gap" were fair, but neither compare with the terrific art of "Demon" with its suspenseful, but inevitable, ending.

I know you are sick of requests for more full-length books, but how about this idea: an occasional full-lengther with the emphasis on HORROR. (Can we say that word in a Comics Code approved comic?)

Love interest is all right, but don't commit the mag strictly to that. Face it, it's the scary stuff that sells.

Greg Sims, Fairfax, Va.

Sure, only what *does the scary stuff sell? Brushes? Encyclopedias? Cemetery plots? And as for saying "horror" . . . of* course *you can't! You should be ashamed, treacly human.*

Dear Editor:

Your magazine "Dark Mansion" is great. The best artists on your staff are Ernesto Chua and Vincent Colletta. They really know how to draw.

I've been buying your magazine ever since the first issue. Well, today I went to the drugstore and the owner informed me that he is no longer carrying *Dark Mansion.* So I looked around town to see if anyone else carried it and—no luck. I was wondering if you could please tell me how I can subscribe to it.

Thanks.

Garth Bloom, Los Angeles, Calif.

You'll find a subscription form elsewhere in this issue, Garth, unless those miserable humans in the production department forget to include it, in which case they'll get theirs, just like that stupid druggist you mentioned. Some late night soon, he'll hear a scratching at his door, and when he opens it . . . Ever hear a druggist scream? —Loads of fun!

Dear Dark Mansion,

Lately, you've been featuring a lot of artwork by Alfredo Alcala. Please continue to do so. I feel his work is the best in comics today.

I buy over 100 comic books a month and the stories I enjoy reading most are those that feature Alcala's drawing. Please ignore letters you get from people like Andy Markowitz who says Alcala's work is too detailed for comics. Alfredo Alcala is the best, and he proves it, panel by panel.

Gerald Colucci, Long Beach, Calif.

Because of your compliments, we've rewarded *ol' Alfredo—loosened his chains and gave him an extra portion of raw dog meat. He moans his gratitude to you.*

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to a house again! Honestly, all of these house magazines are driving me to oblivion!

Please, no more houses, okay?

Anyway, issue #11 was pretty good, the high point being the first story.

By the way, who writes your titles? They're always so bad.

"Bum Wrap" was pretty fair, and "Generation Gap" was okay. The art wasn't bad, but the plot was rancid. I'm so tired of immorality scripts!

There. I wrote to you this time! Did it ever occur to you that most of your stories might not be good enough for us readers to comment on?

Think about it.

Lisa Anderson, San Leandro, Calif.

Not good *enough—! Listen, Garth Bloom's druggist isn't the* only *one who'll be receiving a nocturnal visit. Don't make any long-range plans, Lisa. Don't start any long books. And do your family a favor. Take out an insurance policy—for* much *money. They'll remember you fondly . . .*

That's it for this issue, fellow fen-fiends. Unlike those nauseating humans, you've doubtless noticed *Dark Mansion* has a new editor, and he wants letters. Address them to:

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WELL, WELL, ISN'T **THAT** NICE? A NEW TENANT! HEY, SHE'S **SMILING** AT ME. SH-SHE'S COMING OVER!

HI! WOULD YOU BE A LOVE AND HELP POOR LI'L ME WITH MY **LUGGAGE**! IT'S OUT BY THE CURB.

I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE **DOORMAN**.

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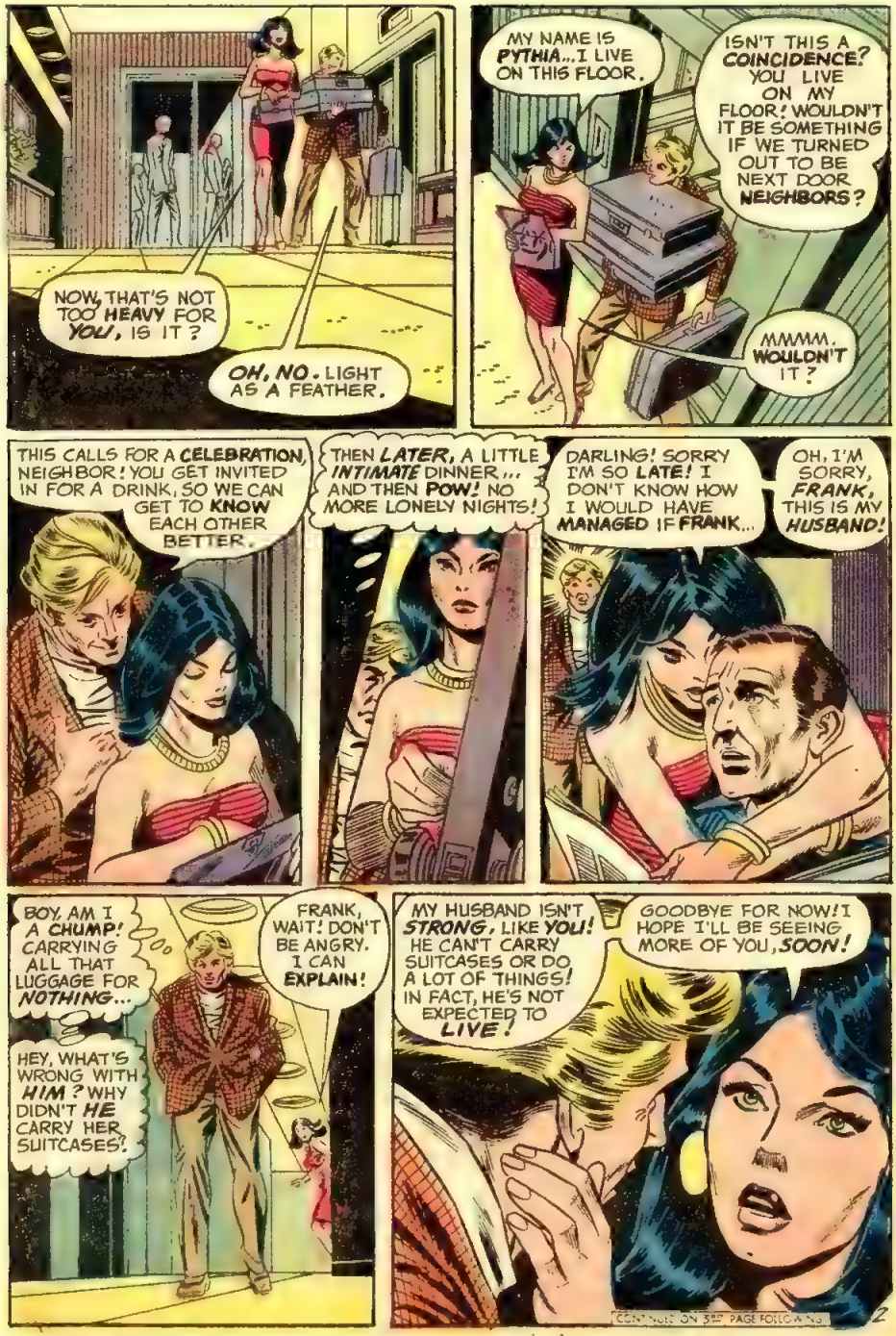
NOW, THAT'S NOT TOO HEAVY FOR YOU, IS IT?
OH, NO. LIGHT AS A FEATHER.
MY NAME IS PYTHIA... I LIVE ON THIS FLOOR.
ISN'T THIS A COINCIDENCE? YOU LIVE ON MY FLOOR! WOULDN'T IT BE SOMETHING IF WE TURNED OUT TO BE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS?
MMMM. WOULDN'T IT?
THIS CALLS FOR A CELEBRATION, NEIGHBOR! YOU GET INVITED IN FOR A DRINK, SO WE CAN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER.
THEN LATER, A LITTLE INTIMATE DINNER... AND THEN POW! NO MORE LONELY NIGHTS!
DARLING! SORRY I'M SO LATE! I DON'T KNOW HOW I WOULD HAVE MANAGED IF FRANK...
OH, I'M SORRY, FRANK, THIS IS MY HUSBAND!
BOY, AM I A CHUMP! CARRYING ALL THAT LUGGAGE FOR NOTHING...
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM? WHY DIDN'T HE CARRY HER SUITCASES?
FRANK, WAIT! DON'T BE ANGRY. I CAN EXPLAIN!
MY HUSBAND ISN'T STRONG, LIKE YOU! HE CAN'T CARRY SUITCASES OR DO A LOT OF THINGS! IN FACT, HE'S NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE!
GOODBYE FOR NOW! I HOPE I'LL BE SEEING MORE OF YOU, SOON!
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WATCH FOR IT

HER SIMPLE WORDS HAD SET FRANK'S LOVE-STARVED HEART TO DREAMING...
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO SEE MORE OF ME! OH, PYTHIA! THAT LUSCIOUS, DIVINE CREATURE--! HOW COULD SHE MARRY THAT PUNY, SICKLY GUY..? BUT THEN... HE'S THE REASON SHE WANTS TO SEE ME!
THROUGH THE PAPER-THIN WALLS, HE FOLLOWED PYTHIA'S LIFE--PLOTTING DEVIOUS WAYS TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HER...
SHE'S TAKING THE GARBAGE OUT! I'VE GOT MINE READY, TOO! OH, WOW! I'M GOING TO SEE HER!
BUT FRANK'S LONELY NIGHTS WERE THE HARDEST TO BEAR...
PYTHIA, MY DARLING...
...WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SEE ME?
THEN, ONE NIGHT...
OH, I LOVE HER! I NEED HER!
NO! NO! DON'T HIT ME!
HEY, WHAT'S THAT? THAT BUM IS HITTING PYTHIA!
POW! BAM!

THAT'S WHY SHE HASN'T GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH ME! HE'S FOUND OUT ABOUT US! THE JEALOUS RAT!
POW!
SOCK!
BLAST! IT'S GETTING WORSE! HE'S HURTING HER. I KNOW HE IS.
BUT I CAN'T BARGE IN ON THEM, CAN I?
SOCK!
CRASH!
IT'S REALLY NONE OF MY BUSINESS!
I CAN'T LET HIM KILL HER! I'M GOING OVER THERE!
HEY! NO MORE NOISE!
THE FIGHT MUST BE OVER!
MAYBE SHE'S D-DEAD! WHY DIDN'T I DO SOMETHING SOONER?
THE NEXT DAY, EXPECTING THE WORST, FRANK WAITED DOWN IN THE LOBBY.
WHA-? THEY'RE TOGETHER! LIKE LOVEBIRDS! I DON'T GET IT! AFTER THAT BRAWL LAST NIGHT, THERE'S NOT A MARK ON HER!
SUDDENLY...
OH, FRANK! I MUST SPEAK WITH YOU!
HEY, COOL IT, BABY! YOU WANT TO START A FIGHT RIGHT HERE?
PYTHIA WAS AT HIS SIDE, URGENTLY WHISPERING IN HIS EAR...
SSSSAVE ME! RESSSCUE ME!
LOOK, MISTER... FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, STAY OUT OF THIS!

THAT NIGHT...
ANOTHER FIGHT!
KRASH!
POW!
OH, THAT LOUSE! HE'S BEATING HER BECAUSE SHE SPOKE TO ME TODAY!
POW!
NO! NO!
WELL, THIS TIME I'M NOT GOING TO SIT BY WHILE SHE GETS MURDERED!
PYTHIA, I'M COMING!
OPEN UP! OPEN THIS DOOR!
SAVE ME! NO! NO!
WITH THE STRENGTH THAT COMES TO THE ENAMORED, FRANK HEAVED HIMSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN AGAINST THE HEAVY LOCKED DOOR...
THUD
OPEN UP THIS...
...DOOR... ULP!
KRASHH!
OH, NO! NO!

A SNAKE!
IT'S SUCKING HIS BLOOD!
I'VE HEARD OF VAMPIRE SNAKES! B-BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS ONLY A LEGEND!
THAT BUM PROBABLY BROUGHT IT UP HERE ...TO MURDER PYTHIA! BUT IT KILLED HIM, TOO!
UH-OH! IT'S SPOTTED ME!
HISSS
THE SCALED TERROR LUNGED, FANGS BARED MISSING FRANK BY INCHES...
HUSSSS
YIPES! THAT WAS CLOSE. I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
JUST A FEW MORE STEPS TO SAFETY!
FRANK BARRICADED THE DOOR WITH ALL THE FURNITURE HE COULD FIND...
I MADE IT! I'M ALIVE! BUT MY NERVES ARE ALL SHOT! I'M GOING TO BED AND SLEEP... IF I CAN!
FIRST, I MUST CALL THE POLICE! I WON'T GIVE MY NAME... NO USE GETTING INVOLVED!
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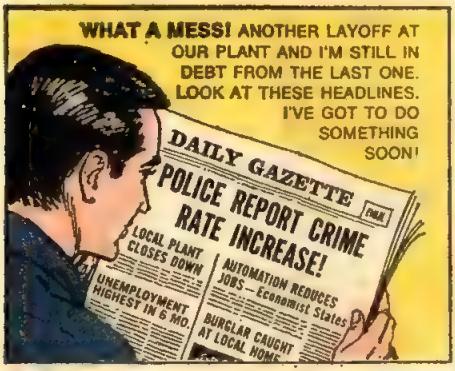
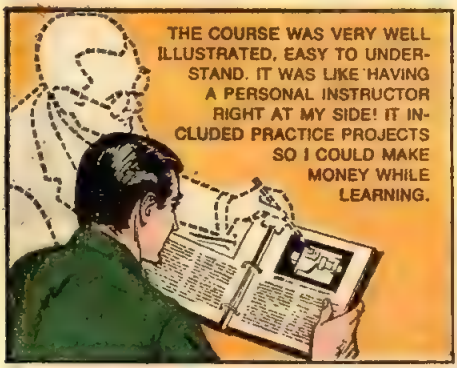
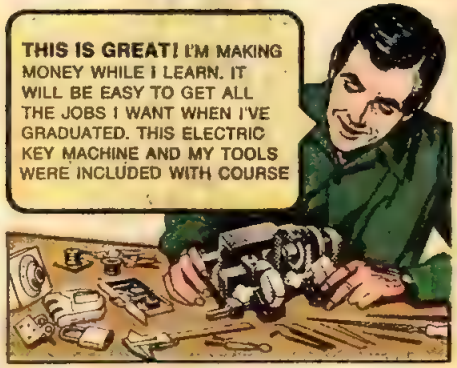

WHAT A MESS! ANOTHER LAYOFF AT OUR PLANT AND I'M STILL IN DEBT FROM THE LAST ONE. LOOK AT THESE HEADLINES. I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING SOON!
DAILY GAZETTE
POLICE REPORT CRIME RATE INCREASE!
LOCAL PLANT CLOSES DOWN
AUTOMATION REDUCES JOBS—Economist States
UNEMPLOYMENT HIGHEST IN 6 MO.
BURGLAR CAUGHT AT LOCAL HOME

SAY, JANE, LOOK AT THIS LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE AD. THEY SAY WITH ALL THE VIOLENCE, THERE'S A GREAT NEED FOR LOCKSMITHS—AND THEY TRAIN YOU AT HOME, AND IT ONLY COSTS A FEW DOLLARS A MONTH!


THE COURSE WAS VERY WELL ILLUSTRATED, EASY TO UNDERSTAND. IT WAS LIKE HAVING A PERSONAL INSTRUCTOR RIGHT AT MY SIDE! IT INCLUDED PRACTICE PROJECTS SO I COULD MAKE MONEY WHILE LEARNING.


THIS IS GREAT! I'M MAKING MONEY WHILE I LEARN. IT WILL BE EASY TO GET ALL THE JOBS I WANT WHEN I'VE GRADUATED. THIS ELECTRIC KEY MACHINE AND MY TOOLS WERE INCLUDED WITH COURSE

JOB SECURITY? I'VE GOT IT NOW. NO BOSSES. NO LAYOFFS. MY OWN SHOP. WHAT A DIFFERENCE WHEN A FELLOW'S INDEPENDENT!
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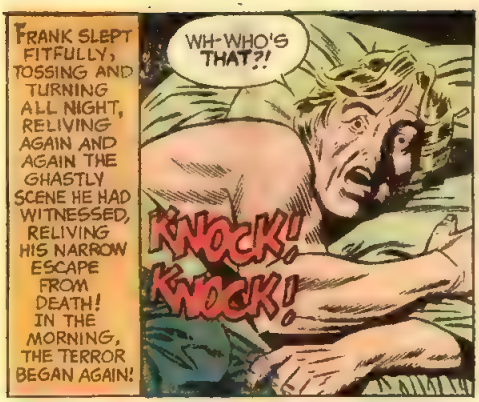
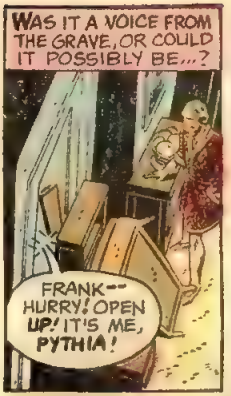

FRANK SLEPT FITFULLY, TOSSING AND TURNING ALL NIGHT, RELIVING AGAIN AND AGAIN THE GHASTLY SCENE HE HAD WITNESSED, RELIVING HIS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH! IN THE MORNING, THE TERROR BEGAN AGAIN!
WH-WHO'S THAT?!
KNOCK! KNOCK!


WAS IT A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE, OR COULD IT POSSIBLY BE...?
FRANK-- HURRY! OPEN UP! IT'S ME, PYTHIA!

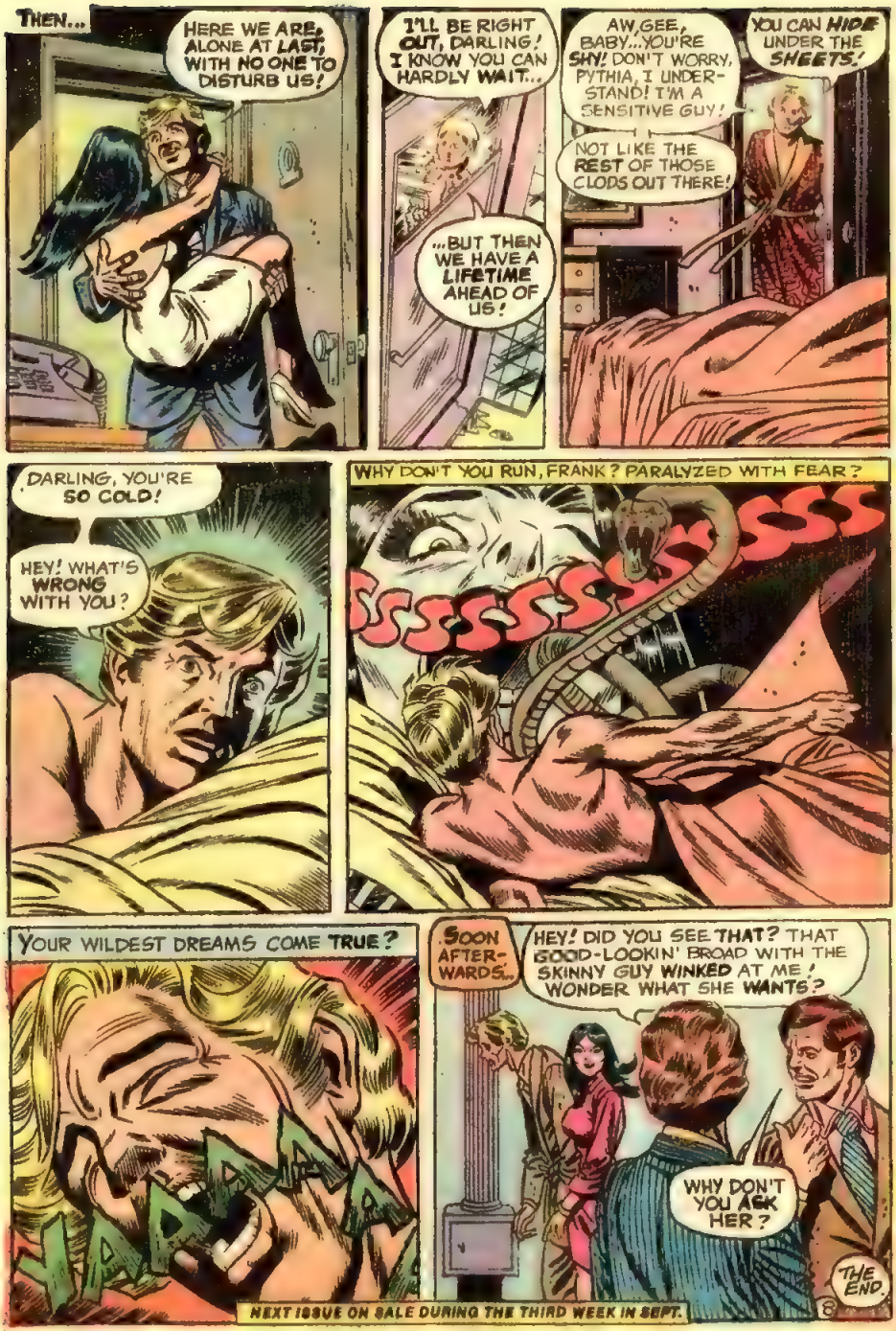
PYTHIA? YOU'RE ALIVE??

NO, THE WARM, QUIVERING FORM IN HIS ARMS WAS REAL, VERY REAL!
DARLING!
OH, FRANK. IT WAS AWFUL! I HID IN THE BATHROOM! MY HUSBAND'S D-DEAD! NOW THERE'S NO ONE TO PROTECT ME BUT YOU!

IN DUE TIME, NUPTIALS WERE PERFORMED...
I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE!
YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. SHE'S MINE! MY MOST DARING DREAM COME TRUE!

YOU WON'T REGRET THIS, BABY... I'M GONNA BE A LOT BETTER FOR YOU THAN YOUR SKINNY EX-HUSBAND! MMMM!

OH, DARLING! YOU'RE EVERYTHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED!


THEN...
HERE WE ARE, ALONE AT LAST, WITH NO ONE TO DISTURB US!
I'LL BE RIGHT OUT, DARLING! I KNOW YOU CAN HARDLY WAIT...
...BUT THEN WE HAVE A LIFETIME AHEAD OF US!
AW, GEE, BABY... YOU'RE SHY! DON'T WORRY, PYTHIA, I UNDERSTAND! I'M A SENSITIVE GUY!
NOT LIKE THE REST OF THOSE CLODS OUT THERE!
YOU CAN HIDE UNDER THE SHEETS!
DARLING, YOU'RE SO COLD!
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
WHY DON'T YOU RUN, FRANK? PARALYZED WITH FEAR?
SSSSSSSSSS
YOUR WILDEST DREAMS COME TRUE?
HA-HA-HA-HA
SOON AFTER-WARDS...
HEY! DID YOU SEE THAT? THAT GOOD-LOOKIN' BROAD WITH THE SKINNY GUY WINKED AT ME! WONDER WHAT SHE WANTS?
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER?
THE END.
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DIRECT CURRENTS

At long last—the story that the fans of war mags have been breathlessly waiting for—"The Return!" **Sgt. Rock**'s round-the-world odyssey is finally over, and he's rejoining Easy Company in the **November** issue of **OUR ARMY AT WAR (#262)**, exploding on your newsstand in the first week of August! Battle bonus: another adventure of the crew of the **U.S.S. Stevens!**

In the annual **Justice League-Justice Society** classic, the mighty super-heroes must battle Nazi hordes who have taken over **Earth-X!** It's going to be "Thirteen Against The Earth" in the **December JUSTICE LEAGUE (#108)**, coming your way the first week of August.

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The thrills range from military to voodoo magic in the **November** issue of **GHOSTS (#20)**, on sale the first week in August with these terror tales: "The Haunting Hussar Of West Point," "The Specter In The Snow," "The Howl Of The Black Phantom" and the mystifying story of "The Skulls Of Pak Island" . . . all true tales of the weird and supernatural world of **Ghosts!**

There's only one magazine that gives you one hundred pages of thrills, and this month **DC SUPER-SPECTACULAR** focuses on **THE FLASH** for its **November** issue **(#22)!** All of your favorite super-speed stars are there: **The Flash** and **Kid Flash** (on the trail of "The Secret Of The Three Super-Weapons"), **Johnny Quick** (in a story from 1948!), **The Elongated Man** (solving the "Riddle Of The Sleepytime Taxi"), and the Golden Age Flash in a 40-page classic from the Golden Age of Comics—"The Campaign Against The Flash!" Get ready for this one in the second week of August.

When you make a "Pledge To Satan" you have to be very careful . . . otherwise you might end up like the star of the new Shelly Mayer-Nestor Redondo terror tale in the **November** issue of **HOUSE OF MYSTERY (#219)**, on sale the second week in August.

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